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Projected visit of the Mufti of Jerusalem
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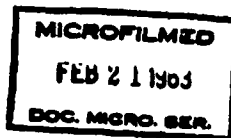
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Further to our P/412 of 10th August, the attached report on the contact between the Pakistan Government and the Mufti on the question of Palestine refugee relief and the Islamic Unity movement is from our Cairo representative who obtained it from two of his regular informants; the first of them, who provided paragraphs 1 and 2, was quoting in paragraph 1 Ahmed Hilmi Pasha, head of the "All Palestine Government", the second informant who provided paragraphs 3-6 was quoting a sub-source of unknown reliability.

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Projected visit of the ex-Mufti to PAKISTAN

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1. Invitation from the Islamic Congress.

1. ^{Hussein} ~~Hajj~~ Amin ^{former} ~~of~~ HUSSAINI, the ex-Mufti, has received an invitation from the Permanent Islamic Congress in KARACHI, asking him to preside over ~~these~~ ^{its} meetings to be held late ^{in 1962} ~~this year~~. This invitation was arranged by ^{Mul} ~~AL~~ UBA Pasha when he was Egyptian Minister to PAKISTAN. Several Arab ^{bodies} are arranging to attend the Congress, including representatives of the Young Men's ^{Muslim} ~~Muslim~~ Associations in CAIRO and DAMASCUS, ^{Syria}.

2. Motives of the ex-Mufti

1. A senior official of the Arab League office confirmed this account of the ex-Mufti's intentions, commenting that ^{Hussein} ~~Hajj~~ Amin never did anything with any other motive than getting money, and that doubtless he would be able to collect a nice sum in KARACHI, under the pretext that it would be used to relieve the sufferings of Arab refugees.

3. The Pakistan Government, in an effort to help the Palestine refugees, sent a sum of money to Dr. Soliman AZMI Pasha, President of the Relief Committee. The ex-Mufti complained that he was the Head of the ^{Arab Higher} ~~Higher Arab~~ Committee, and as such should handle all refugee relief monies, as AZMI Pasha's organization ^{was} ~~were~~ ignorant of the question.

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4. The Pakistan Government then sent the ex-Mufti £35,000. Palestinians, headed by ^{Abd} ~~Hajj~~ Abdul Rahman SABAT (who

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described the ex-Mufti as a "Rasputin") protested that the ex-Mufti invariably diverted most of the charitable funds under his control to his own pocket. In spite of this, PAKISTAN handed over a further £55,000 ^{in July} ~~last month~~.

5. ~~The ex-Mufti and Islamic Unity~~

^{ban} 5. The ex-Mufti has persuaded the Pakistan Government that he is greatly interested in the Islamic Unity project (Al-Rabitat al-Islamia) preached by ^{him} Khalik al ZAMAN during his visit ^{to Egypt. The purpose of} ~~there~~. ^{His visit to KARACHI may have as a motive of Hajj and Husayni} a desire to establish his position as the head of any such movement if it should succeed, ^{informant believes}.

6. The Islamic Unity body ^{is} ~~are~~ now employing ^{its} ~~Said~~ RAMADAN as ^{al-Muslime} ~~their~~ agent in EGYPT. He was a prominent member of the Ikhwan ^{Ikhwan was} and went to PAKISTAN when the ~~Brothers were~~ banned, but he has now returned ^{to Egypt} and is arranging to tour the provinces, lecturing on PAKISTAN and Islam.

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